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Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

56th SFS helps develop training course

By Tech. Sgt. Julie Briggs

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A training program to teach security forces how to use night vision devices is currently underway by Air Force Research Laboratory researchers at the Mesa Research Site at the Williams Gateway Airport.

56th Security Forces Squadron members are providing valuable input into the program, said research psychologist Dr. Elizabeth Martin, Warfighter Training Research Division of the AFRL.

"The use of night vision devices is a big part of force protection," Martin said.

The training course is the brainchild of Tech. Sgt. Ron Lambert, the laboratory's security operations superintendent, and Staff Sgt. Brad Schaade, security operations.

Shortly after Lambert's arrival in Mesa a year ago, he visited the laboratory's detachment at Luke, which is responsible for training pilots to use night vision goggles. He immediately thought of his security forces comrades and knew they could benefit from a similar training course.

"The type of training we're hoping for is much more extensive than what they currently receive," Lambert said. "Usually the training is written documentation like TO's (technical orders) or from the security forces CDCs (career development courses). You just basically go over some of the operations and that's it."

The training course is currently in the front-end analysis stage, Martin said.



Senior Airman Elizabeth Krichbaum

Airman 1st Class Andrew Sneden, 56th Security Forces Squadron, attaches a PVS-2 night vision sight to an M-16A2 rifle.

This means they are gathering information from the field, asking security forces experts how they use the devices and determining their specific needs and requirements.

The plan is for the course to be interactive and involve more than just academics. Video illustrations and hands-on training are also planned, Martin said.

"The biggest benefit is we'll actually be able to employ this valuable piece of equip-

ment," said Chief Master Sgt. Charles Coles, 56th SFS security forces manager. "It's not only high-dollar value, it's also a useful tool. The training will be more than basic operation of the equipment. This training will show us the limitations."

The training will cover the basics — how to turn the devices on — to the more complex such as how the devices are affected by different environmental conditions. Another aspect is in-depth focus-

ing and sighting for the individual user.

"If they aren't sighted correctly, you'll get headaches and eye strain, and then you're less likely to use them," Lambert explained.

The plan is for the training to be compact-disc based, with video images of the limiting factors so students can actually experience firsthand what to expect, Martin said.

"I have been doing this (base defense) for 25 years and didn't know how important the focusing procedures were," Coles said. "Just knowing the limitations lets us use night vision to its maximum potential."

In fact, depth perception is limited when wearing the goggles and another factor to consider, Lambert said.

"Let's say you're driving a HMMWV (humvee) and you can't tell how deep a hole is," Lambert said. "It could be a shadow or it could be a cliff. That's a serious limiting factor people need to know."

The 56th SFS has been very helpful, Martin said. In fact, she would like security forces to be the development and test squadron.

"The security forces at Luke have been very important (to the program)," Lambert said. "We're lucky enough to have subject matter experts and approximately 150 test subjects. Without their help, we definitely wouldn't be able to do it."

"AETC has expressed interest in implementing the module in technical school," Martin said, "with refresher training done at the unit every year."

AF Personnel Center releases new EQUAL

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPC) — The newest Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing of available enlisted assignments overseas arrives at military personnel flights and on the Air Force Personnel Center's World Wide Web home page Aug. 8.

This list includes assignments for overseas jobs opening during April through June 2001.

Personnel officials recommend assignment preferences are updated by Aug. 18 to ensure the information is in the computer system before actual assignments are released on or about Sept. 4.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements, by Air Force specialty code and rank, and gives people a chance to update their assignment preferences to match vacancies that need filling in a particular cycle.

Members should review, prioritize and list specifically those assignment options available to them on EQUAL.

Separate listings for assignments available at overseas locations as well as assignments available for those returning from overseas areas are published quarterly.

In addition, special duty assignments appear on EQUAL-Plus and are updated weekly.

Military personnel flights and unit orderly rooms will have copies of the listings and can help people update their preferences.

People who are on temporary duty assignments during the advertising period should contact the nearest personnel office for assistance.

Members can also access the list on the AFPC home page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil or people at Luke can call 856-7874.

Air Force best

Luke NCO earns Sharp award

By Kristen M. Butler

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A Luke NCO recently garnered an Air Force-level award for saving the 56th Fighter Wing millions of dollars in operational costs.

Master Sgt. Joe Mezatis, 56th Component Repair Squadron fuel systems repair NCO in charge, received the Dudley C. Sharp Award for the work he did while assigned to the 56th Logistics Support Squadron quality assurance team.

The award recognizes an individual who has substantially improved Air Force operational cost effectiveness. In addition, the achievement must affect many logistics units or lead to multimillion dollar cost savings.

As the 56th FW product improvement manager, he managed the best deficiency-reporting program in the Air Force, according to the accompanying citation. By creating a database, he identified more than \$45 million worth of defective aircraft parts while maintaining surveillance on more than 3,000 exhibits. These efforts returned \$8.2 million to Luke's flying hour program.

In addition, his Gold Way program was the best in AETC, saving the Air Force more than \$3.3 million through innovative repair techniques. He also repaired and returned to service more than 1,700 condemned assets and generated more than \$1 million in funds.

"... He (Mezatis) is always looking for ways to make improvements and save money. He likes to do things right and takes a lot of pride in what he does," said Chief Master Sgt. Bobbi Boutwell, 56th CRS accessories flight chief. "He does not think of the Air Force as just a job, he gives his all every time. He is a leader among leaders — his troops follow him because they want to, not because they have to."



Airman 1st Class Shanna Jones

Master Sgt. Joe Mezatis, 56th Component Repair Squadron, tightens a fuel panel on an F-16.

Although the Sharp award is given to an individual, Mezatis is quick to point out everything the quality assurance team achieves comes as a result of teamwork.

"We all know success comes from a team effort," Mezatis said. "At QA we have an awesome team who are all experts in their respective fields. We knew the direction we wanted to take — we wanted to excel and be the best! The folks did all the work and this award signifies that."

The 18-year Air Force veteran joined the military in 1982 when he was just 16 years old.

"My parents tried to put me in the Navy, but I don't like big ships or lots of water — I prefer land and airplanes," Mezatis said. "After my first seven years, I made the decision to stay in for 20 because I loved what I was doing."

Action Line



Col. Steve Sargeant
56th FW commander

The 56th Fighter Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct line to me. I get personally involved in every reply. Your ideas and concerns help build a stronger foundation on which we can successfully complete our mission and take care of our people.

Before you call the Action Line though, give Luke's professionals a chance to answer your question in

concert with your unit chain of command. If the appropriate expert is unable to provide a satisfactory response, call me at 856-7011 or send an e-mail to command.actionline@luke.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number so I can provide a personal reply to your concern. Together we can make Luke a better place to live and work.

Who to call:	
Fraud, waste and abuse hotline	856-6149
Base exchange	935-4652
Commissary	935-3821
Patient advocate	856-9100
Legal assistance	856-6901
Law enforcement desk	856-5970
Housing office	856-7643
Military pay	856-7028
MPF customer service	856-7874
Civil engineer customer service	856-7231

Evening swim lesson cancellation

Caller 1: I recently went to sign my son up for evening swimming lessons. To my disappointment we were told these sessions were discontinued due to "space availability." As a working parent whose spouse is on temporary duty until September, this was a huge slap in the face. I would appreciate an explanation of what "space availability" means.

Caller 2: I was calling about cancellation of evening swimming lessons. I don't understand why we can't have an hour for the children to have evening lessons. By cancelling these sessions, you have taken them away from children who have working parents. You have a very good aquatics program. You also have good participation, and the swim lessons and teachers are excellent. Now you are taking that away. If you have to cancel sessions, it should be in the morning because children of people who work, can't participate.

Response: Thanks for the call. I apologize we are unable to provide this program. Although we have two large swimming pools, we have a severe shortage of lifeguards this year, forcing us to reduce operating hours. Unfortunately, the shortage means we are unable to support all the programs we intended. We will continue to try and solve this problem and bring back the evening lessons as soon as we can.

Sortie Scoreboard

Fiscal year 2000 programmed flight training

	To date	Goal
Sorties flown	30,467	37,902
Flying hours	40,559	49,803
Pilot graduates	666	876
MRA graduates	620	972

Luke people deployed:
AEF 5: 1 and AEF 7/8: 83
Others: 20

Stay in AF, stay the course

By Lt. Col. Peggy Matarese
56th Medical Operations Squadron commander

Some time ago, I made the trek back home for my high school reunion. In many ways, it was just like other reunions. It was fun to see how things had turned out for old friends, for the class cheerleaders, the jocks and the nerds.

We all had our stories about the roads we had taken; things we were proud of and things we regretted, but it wasn't long before I began to notice a certain look of envy in the eyes of my former classmates. I heard things like, "Your life is so interesting!"

Since then, I've thought a lot about what my friends said that weekend. They were

right; my life is interesting. Although sometimes I don't make it home for dinner and, more often than not, my weekends include some time at the office. My "job" is something to be envied. As a squadron commander, I have the opportunity to make a significant impact on the Air Force mission and on the lives of the 285 folks who serve in the 56th Medical Operations Squadron.

As a family physician, I am privileged to care for people when they're most vulnerable. As a flight surgeon, I am fortunate to experience what goes on at the pointiest tip of the spear. As an airman, I am honored to be part of the greatest Air Force ever assembled and to serve the greatest country on this earth.

I think back on what the Air Force has called me to do over my 14-year career. Stationed in Germany, I was sent on temporary duty to places I hadn't even heard of previously. During a month in Angola, with three-days notice, I watched air and ground crews

generate sorties seven days a week without complaint. I prayed for their safety as adequate medical care was an eight-hour plane ride away and I was the sole source of care to that point. I talked my way through 40 loaded AK-47s aimed at me and secured the release of my troops. We were in Angola to airlift civil war combatants back to their hometowns where they would vote and start new lives in a new democracy.

A week in Morocco allowed me to stand by with medical response at an alternate landing site for the space shuttle. A week in Tunisia supporting a joint training deployment promoted good relations with the United States. Months and months at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, supporting Operation Provide Comfort allowed me to contribute to the safety of the Kurdish

people. A month at Aviano Air Base, Italy, investigating an F-16 mishap reminded me of the dangers inherent in what we do.

Of course, I didn't have to leave my home station to feel the impact of my service. I was one of the many who stayed behind during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. We watched the war on CNN like so many and we continued the peacetime mission, often with 50-percent manning. We looked out for the families of those who deployed and, sadly, of those who died in that deployment.

Yes, I've moved seven times in 14 years. Yes, I've missed a few birthdays and holidays, but I've had the privilege of serving with the best and of making a tremendous impact on countless lives. So, when I think about my civilian friends, their "9-to-5" jobs and their stable home lives, I remember the envy I heard in their voices. I take pride in my contributions and decision to stay the course.

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Lt. Col. Peggy Matarese
56th Medical Operations Squadron commander

Lack of stripes, experience doesn't mean lack of motivation

By Airman 1st Class
Jennifer Andrews

Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

Air Force statistics indicate the average airman coming into the Air Force is 19.9 years old. Out of those airmen, nearly 16 percent had at least 15 hours of college credit.

Last year, 325 new recruits started basic training with a college degree, 13 of those had a master's degree. I am part of that percentage of new recruits with a college degree that chose to serve as an enlisted person. I was surprised when I arrived here to find that some assume the lack of rank to be a lack of intelligence.

Making a difference

This assumption is not true. Most airmen are smart, motivated and want to make a difference. The Air Force recruits airmen saying it holds them to a higher standard and only wants the "best of the best" to serve within its ranks. Yet, once new airmen arrive at their permanent station, this recruiting concept may be lost if new airmen aren't treated as the best of the best

or held to a higher standard.

Today's airmen are not carbon copies of yesterday's Air Force. We come with different perspectives and an abundance of innovative ideas. Yes, we lack military experience. Yes, some of our ideas are not practical in a military environment. However, when energetic airmen are stifled and not given an opportunity to shine, the Air Force is being cheated out of a valuable resource.

Effective leadership

Effective leaders bridge the experience gap by being mentors. When the time is taken to empower airmen, the military benefits from unexpected results.

In November, eight airmen at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., earned almost \$9,500 from the Air Force's Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program. Four members of the team were junior enlisted members. Their contributions helped improve the government bill of loading process for the squadron's freight management section. The idea saves Travis about \$68,000 annually.

A senior airman from Eglin Air

Force Base, Fla., received the 1998 Air Force Submitter of the Year award. It is the most prestigious award associated with the IDEA program. In 1998, the Air Force accepted 14 of his 21 ideas submitted. He is credited with saving the Air Force more than \$93,000.

The most famous example of an airman excelling is Airman 1st Class John Levitow. He was the lowest ranking airman in history to receive the Medal of Honor. He was an airman first class working as a AC-47 loadmaster during the Vietnam War when he threw himself on a magnesium flare to save the lives of others on board.

Accountability

In these cases, the airmen were held accountable for their actions and respected for their initiative. They did not succeed all on their own, but under the guidance of their leaders.

Part of what leadership means is being passionate about motivating others to succeed and holding them accountable when they don't. NCOs and officers are required to accept the responsibility of being leaders. In turn, airmen must accept responsibility to prove themselves.

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SFS member departs Luke by medevac

By Deborah Davis
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A 70-year-old Air Force member flew Monday aboard a military aeromedical evacuation aircraft to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, to undergo surgery.

It's nothing serious; the tendon in Robby's leg is inflamed due to his age and the physical demands of his job. He sniffs out explosives for a living.

Robby has been working at the 56th Security Forces Squadron military working dog section for 8, or 56, dog years, said Staff Sgt. Richard Harris, 56th SFS military working dog section NCO in charge.

"Every day he diligently searched vehicles and buildings for explosives," Harris said. "Robby has also helped the U.S. Secret Service and the Glendale Police Department."

Robby joined the Air Force security forces at Lackland where he received his initial training. There, with the help of a human partner, he learned to detect known explosives, everything from dynamite to C-4. He also learned to protect handlers by means of attack.

Upon graduation he received his security badge and orders to Luke. While serving here, Robby's service record has been above reproach, Harris said.

He became a hero in August 1997 while searching several houses belonging to the Arian Nation brotherhood. Robby immediately alerted Glendale police to a backpack containing nine sticks of dyna-gel, which is 75-percent nitro dynamite.

A disciplined partner, Robby is a valuable asset to the nation's security, Harris said.

The 73-pound Belgian Malinois has deployed several times with the U.S. Secret Service. He traveled to various countries such as Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to aid in explosive detection.

Not assigned solely to sniffing out explosives, as part of his protection duties he worked high-profile events such as Super Bowl XXX in Tempe and five presidential vis-



Senior Airman Elizabeth Krichbaum
Staff Sgt. Stephen Snodgrass and Robby, 56th Security Forces Squadron, prepare to depart for Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where Robby will receive surgery on his leg.

its.

Robby will be missed not only for his dedicated service, but for his distinct personality.

"Robby is a big puppy, but he works hard and does not stop until the job is done," said Senior Airman Thomas Parott, 56th SFS military working dog section.

Robby's departure leaves the 56th SFS with only one dog trained in explosive detection.

"He was faster and possesses keener senses than a human and he was one of the better trained dogs; we will miss him," Harris said.

After recovering from surgery, Robby will stay at Lackland where he will train new handlers coming into the military working dog corps.

Don't forget to change AC filters

By Tech. Sgt. George F. Jozens
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

At least a dozen base housing residents in the past two months have experienced problems with newly installed, high efficient air conditioning units.

As Honeywell Corp. puts the final touches on a contract to upgrade lights and air conditioning units in Luke's housing, some housing residents are reporting less than cool conditions.

"The maintenance contractor has had more than 12 service calls to base homes for air conditioning units that weren't working right," said John Li, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron utilities and energy manager. "The problem was residents not changing the filters."

A dirty filter restricts airflow and the air conditioning unit's cooling coil may cover in ice, Li said.

"If the unit quits working, the resident calls the service contractor and they figure out the problem," Li said. "If it's routine maintenance, like changing the filter, then the contractor can bill the Air Force for the call," Li said.

Li said the contractor hasn't billed the Air Force, but if it does, the housing occupant could be liable for the charges.

To prevent problems with the air conditioning unit, residents should change the filters each month as directed by the family housing brochure.

Residents can pick up free filters at the self-help store in Bldg. 318.

"We usually let people receive two filters at a time for their homes," said

Al Gayton, 56th CES self-help store material handler. "Some people even change their filters every 20 days because of the area they live in."

Changing filters also saves energy.

"There are several ways to save energy," Li said. "Off-base residents can save money too by doing little things like turning off the lights and fans before they leave the room, leaving interior doors open for air to circulate, turning the thermostat five-degrees hotter than where it's comfortable before leaving the house and not turning the thermostat down past where it is normally set when returning."

Housing residents have even more ways to save energy.

"Also available for issue are energy-saving light bulbs for housing residents," Gayton said.

Housing residents needing more information from the self-help store can call (623) 856-7180.

Thunderbolt Pilot of the Week

Name: Capt. Brian "Newman" Kilian, 56th Operations Support Squadron electronic combat pilot and 61st Fighter Squadron instructor pilot

Hometown: Richfield, Wis.

Years in service: 9

Family: Wife, Ronda; and son, Jacob, 6 months

Education: Graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in military science

Previous assignments: Hill Air Force Base, Utah and Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas

Goals: I strive to be an outstanding husband and father and a great IP. My goal is to be an excellent flight commander by mentoring and taking care of my people.

Greatest feat: Becoming a Viper pilot during times of great pilot reductions and having a job I love to do every day.

Commander's comments: "Newman serves two masters — one as a member of the 56th OSS and the other as an instructor pilot attached to the 61st FS for flying," said Lt. Col. Wade Johnson, 56th OSS commander. "Part of what makes him so successful in both endeavors is his can-do attitude."



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News Briefs

Top 3 senior NCO induction

The Luke Top 3 hosts the first senior NCO induction ceremony today at 6 p.m. at the enlisted club. The cost is \$13.50 and the uniform is mess dress or semiformal. For more information or reservations, call Master Sgt. David Leon at 856-9255.

Estate claims

Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to the estate of Chief Master Sgt. Leon McCoy should contact Lt. Col. John James, 56th Medical Support Squadron summary courts officer, at 856-7104 or 856-3068.

Hispanic program manager needed

Civilian employees or military members must apply for the Hispanic employment program manager position by today. This work is a 20-percent collateral duty. The manager's role is to pursue efforts to facilitate the recruitment and advancement of Hispanic workers in federal service. For more information, call Joanne Elrod at 856-7761.

Dental care deduction

When the new Dependent Dental Deduction mass rate change was processed July 1, it did not eliminate the old deduction rate. Military members' mid-July pay was short by half the old rate. The maximum difference is \$10.66. Repayment will be in Tuesday's leave and earnings statements.

Housing construction

Great Southwestern Construction Inc. contractors begin digging Tuesday in military family housing backyards to connect underground lines between the electrical transformers, phone and cable television pedestals and the houses. All overhead lines will eventually be removed. The project lasts about one year. For more information, call John DeMaria at 856-6622.

Women, boss of the year luncheon

The Women and Boss of the Year luncheon is Aug. 17 from 11 a.m. to noon at the enlisted club ballroom. The Federal Womens Program Committee-sponsored event features Lt. Col. Margaret Matarese, 56th Medical Operations Squadron commander, as guest speaker. Tickets are \$6.50 and sold by any FWP representative until Aug. 11. For more information, call Sharon Brown at 856-4040.

Household goods claims briefing

Household goods claims briefings are Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the legal office. People are required to have this briefing before filing a claim. DD Form 1840R must be turned into the legal office within 70 days from the delivery date of household goods. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Johnnie Dorris at 856-7371.

NCO retraining program

Luke leadership is encouraged to counsel staff through master sergeants on the need to retrain based on the current promotion system, retention patterns, selective re-enlistment bonuses and filling critical Air Force specialty codes.

The program is for second-term and career airmen and is on a voluntary basis. Retraining is limited to staff and technical sergeants with 16 years or less and master sergeants with 18 years or less. Recruiter vacancies are a top priority. For more information, call Pam Oswald at 856-7860.

Tuition assistance cap

All military members are subject to a \$3,500 tuition assistance cap per fiscal year. Students attending high-cost academic institutions should not expect the cap to be lifted due to tracking, acceleration or financial hardship. TA waivers are rare and approved at higher levels for reasons such as an additional course needed to qualify for Officer Training School, exceeding the age limit, additional classes needed before a permanent change of station or retirement. For more information, call Patricia Parker at 856-7722.

ACSC date change

Enrollment for Air Command and Staff College seminar and correspondence course has been moved back due to database software problems. ACSC registrants will not receive course materials by the end of July as expected. Applications are kept on file until ACSC issues an enrollment date. For more information, call Cathy Brogan at 856-7723.

And they're off ...



Tech. Sgt. Michael Burns

Saturday's end-of-runway team sends off the first jets. Team Luke worked Saturday to close the gap in the flying hour program. The 56th Fighter Wing flew 155 hours that day. They still need to accomplish approximately 350 more hours when they fly Aug. 5 and 19.

Tops in Blue performs Aug. 6 at Fowler Park

By Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Tops In Blue, the Air Force's premier entertainment showcase, performs a free concert Aug. 6 at 8 p.m. at Fowler Park. Although the show was originally scheduled for the Glendale Civic Center, its location changed to Luke.

The theme for this year's performance is "If You Believe," a 90-minute musical medley of songs. The show features a variety of musical styles: big band, pop, country, rhythm and blues, contemporary Latin and nostalgic rock 'n' roll.

This year's highlights also include music from popular animated movies.

Tom Edwards, Tops In Blue producer, said this show promotes the importance of believing in one's self throughout life.

"Music is the universal language, which transcends all generations," Edwards said. "This message is understood throughout the world, regardless of language or culture."

The 35-member team is composed of active-duty military talents who competed against thousands of other Air Force members for positions on the

nine-month tour.

"The new team is indeed a reflection of the 'best of the best,'" Edwards said. "Continuing the tradition of worldwide ambassadors, this group of talented young Air Force members displays the pride, patriotism and dedication felt by all Air Force personnel around the world."

The show's sponsors, AT&T and USPA&IRA, are providing gift certificates for two attendees, said Amy Munnell, 56th Services Squadron marketing and publicity. Before the show, people can register to win a \$200 Army and Air Force Exchange Service gift certificate from USPA&IRA or a \$200 gift certificate from AT&T.

Munnell said people can only register at the concert. The winners will be picked and announced during intermission.

People attending may bring lawn chairs or blankets for lawn seating and coolers with refreshments.

For more information about the concert, call the marketing office at 856-7469. Tickets are not required. For more information about Tops In Blue, check out their website at www.afsv.af.mil.

Comptrollers urge split disbursement

56th Comptroller Squadron members urge travel card users to use split disbursement to pay travel expenses.

Split disbursement allows a monthly travel voucher payment to be automatically split between the bank and traveler. It can also be used for accrual payments for people on extended temporary duty assignments.

To establish split disbursement, travelers simply go to finance customer service before departing and fill out the paperwork. Once established, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service sends the amount specified, via electronic funds transfer, to Bank of America to pay the card balance. The remaining money is sent to the traveler's bank account.

Travelers on short TDYs can also establish split disbursement after returning when filing final travel vouchers.

"It's convenient for travelers who don't want to worry about writing checks and it gives them assurance their bills are being paid," said 2nd Lt. Bob Heim, 56th Comptrollers Squadron financial services officer. "This also means no postage costs, no bills to mail, no more payment worries."

In addition, split disbursements are good for the government because delinquency rates will also decrease.

To insure bills are paid, travelers receive a Bank of America billing statement that indicates payment was received via the funds transfer. Upon receipt, the bank has 48 hours to post a payment. For more information, call unit agency program coordinators or the finance office at 856-7070. *(Courtesy of 56th CPTS)*

Home improvements

56th CES oversees construction

By 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Carney
56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Luke housing residents can soon see many large changes with few small disturbances in a long-term effort to make sizeable improvements to their neighborhood.

Great Southwestern Construction Inc. begins work Tuesday to place above-ground power, cable and telephone lines underground. Workers also install street lighting.

"We have many projects going on right now to improve the quality of life of our residents," said John DeMaria, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron engineering technician and projection manager. "We also have plans to change the sewer mains and gas service feeds."

Other projects include landscaping and air conditioning, said Albert Regal, 56th CES contracts chief.

Taking down above-ground lines also brings technological change. When underground wiring is laid, residents will have access to new services and digital technology.

"Not only do underground lines provide power with significant reduction for disruption due to fallen trees or other hazards, but the new digital services will be available for those wanting to take advantage of them," DeMaria said.

These changes have been part of a projected upgrade for several years.

"More than 10 years ago, the order came down from headquarters to get rid of overhead power lines," DeMaria

said. "Then, Luke fell under Air Combat Command rather than AETC, and we're still following that directive."

Before work begins, residents are sent notices about 10 days prior telling them what to do and what to expect. In some instances, workers may have to tear down fences, but they will put them back together.

"We are notifying 10 houses at a time, and the work usually takes about a week," DeMaria said. "We are trying to make this process as painless as possible. We also clean up when we're done. However, people should remember to keep children and pets inside during work. They should also remember to water their grass to bring it back quickly."

Another noticeable change is the addition of outdoor power meters. The meters will not be read, nor are residents going to be charged for power usage.

"We're just using standard industry equipment, which already has meters built in," Regal said. "It would actually cost more to buy the same equipment without meters."

The changes are being done in phases according to the time schedule and available money. The first phase encompasses housing north of Thunderbird to Sioux, west to Kachina and south to Papago. The power line work in this area ends in about one year.

"The money allotted for housing will determine how quickly the project is finished," DeMaria said. "We're probably looking at another five years assuming there aren't any significant changes in available funds."

Wing Warrior

This column recognizes Team Luke members' contributions to wartime readiness in the tradition of 2nd Lt. Frank Luke.

Name: Tech. Sgt. Anthony Kaminski, 56th Component Repair Squadron nonpowered aerospace ground equipment element chief

Hometown: San Diego

Years service: 19

Family: Wife, Sandra

Inspirations: God and my wife

Greatest feat: Winning the 1997 Sport Car Club of America, Arizona region, Phoenix divisional race in the street tire class

Self-description: Reliable and enjoy being part of a winning team.

Famous last words: Lead by example.

Off duty: Currently attending Park University to finish Community College of the Air Force associate's degree in aircraft systems maintenance technologies.

Commander's comments: "Tony is a true warrior," said Col. Frank Bruno, 56th Logistics Group commander. "His professionalism, positive motivation and strong leadership continue to move the propulsion flight forward in an era of parts constraints."



Kaminski

Luke's Spirit

Col. Steve Sargeant, 56th Fighter Wing commander, uses this column to recognize Team Luke members' outstanding customer service.

Name: Senior Master Sgt. Paul Shows, 56th Component Repair Squadron propulsion flight superintendent

Hometown: Sylmar, Calif.

Years service: 25

Family: Wife, Susan; daughters Sarah, Kristina and Angela; and son, Thomas

Inspirations: My family

Goals: To make chief or retire comfortably

Greatest feat: Seven engine changes in 10 hours

Famous last words: Not a problem!

Self-description: Adventurous, easy going, family man

Off duty: Antique cars

Bad habits: Not sharing information — assuming everyone knows what I am trying to tell them.

Commander's comments: "Senior Master Sgt. Shows is doing some great things for us down in the engine shop," Sargeant said. "I can't say enough about his contribution to this wing's mission. He's a standout for Team Luke and a key leader in the wing's NCO corps."



Shows

56th Comptrollers Squadron



Shaw

Lt. Col. Michael Shaw took command of 56th Comptrollers Squadron July 11.

Hometown: Greensboro, N.C.
Years in service: 21
Family: Wife, Jennifer; and daughter, Jana, 4
Education: Graduated from North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a master's degree in business administration
Previous assignments: Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Pentagon, Wash-

ington, D.C.; Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii
Leadership philosophy: Lead by example, someone that airmen and children would want to emulate. I believe in the Air Force core values of integrity, service before self and excellence in all we do — that's the standard for the 56th Comptroller Squadron and myself. Show the troops that I'm not afraid to work the tough issues and accomplish our goals. I'm a result-oriented person that thinks it's extremely important that we are all going in the same direction — up!
Goals: Have fun learning all I can about what makes the 56th Fighter Wing the greatest fighter wing in the world and ensure that I make a daily contribution to that legacy and our mission. Leave this job better than I found it and impress upon comptroller personnel and the base populace how we play a major role in keeping those F-16s flying high from both a quality-of-life and operational perspective. Chart the course for this squadron to make no less than an "excellent" on our next readiness and compliance inspection.
Greatest feat: Seeing programs that I helped implement during my tour at Headquarters U.S. Air Force being executed in the field and surviving the Pentagon's politics.
Self description: I'm a mission and people person that wants everyone to have the opportunity to live up to their fullest potential in the world's greatest Air Force. I'm enjoying this new role as a leader and mentor for those who will grow and replace me some day. My philosophy is to give life and the Air Force my best shot and as long as I can look myself in the mirror each morning knowing I did that, then life is grand. I always take full responsibility for everything that happens on my watch.
Famous last words: "If it don't kill ya, you have nothing to worry about and if it does, there's no worry. So we can make it happen."
Bad habits: I'm not telling!

Kiddin' around ...



Mary Jo May

Virginia Rodriguez, child development center program assistant, discusses Terence's day with his father, Staff Sgt. Terence Taylor, 56th Mission Support Squadron, as he picks him up Tuesday from the child development center. As a reminder, the youth and child development centers are open Aug. 5 from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for active-duty parents working that day. Parents are required to make reservations by 5:30 p.m. Wednesday and must cancel by 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Parents who already receive weekly care pay a prorated rate while others pay \$3 per hour of care. In addition, the CDC is charging a preregistration fee of \$6 that is nonrefundable for no-shows.

Anti-American sentiment

Cohen urges personnel to heed warnings

By Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

SYDNEY, Australia, (AFPN) — Defense Secretary William Cohen urged U.S. military personnel in Okinawa, Japan and South Korea to heed warnings regarding local anti-American sentiments.

Cohen said tensions are high in Okinawa due to the G-8 summit and an incident involving the alleged molestation of a schoolgirl by a U.S. Marine.

“I think there are likely to be more rallies and so forth to try to impress upon the G-8 leaders the concerns of the Okinawan people,” he said. The world’s

top economic powers, the Group of Eight, met July 21 in Okinawa. Member nations are the United States, France, Britain, Japan, Canada, Germany, Russia and Italy.

Cohen noted there have been no indications of violence in connection with the anti-American protests in Okinawa. However, defense officials are watching the situation closely, Cohen said.

Anti-Americanism is not a widespread sentiment in Korea, Cohen said. President Kim Dae-jung has already indicated U.S. troops will remain indefinitely, even if there is some kind of a unification or association between the North and South.

“During these times, when there are fundamental changes under way, there are likely to be political sentiments expressed, and we just have to be cautious about them,” Cohen said.

U.S. troops deployed in Okinawa and in South Korea are fulfilling U.S. national security needs, he stressed. “This is fundamental to our forward-deployment strategy of helping to shape events. So, it’s a national security issue for us.”

U.S. troops are also supporting the objectives of the host nation, he said. “We are there at the invitation and the will of the sovereign governments of Japan and South Korea and we intend to remain there.”

OSI, FBI arrest Wisconsin pipe bomb suspect

By Capt. Mike Richmond
Air Force Office of Special Investigations Public Affairs

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. (AFPN) — Agents from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations helped point the FBI to the suspect arrested July 20 for allegedly leaving two deadly pipe bombs on a National Guard base at Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee.

Andy Chirigotis and Jeff Fleshman, both Reserve special agents whose territorial duties include the Milwaukee guard base, were part of the FBI-led task force that responded to the incident July 19.

Chirigotis and Fleshman conferred with other members of the task force and suggested an approach that produced a list of three prime suspects, said Special Agent Tom Wolverton, director of AFOSI Region 3, Operating Location B, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

The man arrested the next day was one of three on the list.

While the nature of the approach is protected information, Wolverton said the agents' input was invaluable.

"Suffice to say our guys were right on target with their profile," Wolverton said, "and a suspect is now in custody."

FBI agents arrested Milan Mititch of Milwaukee July 20 outside his apartment following an all-night stakeout. Once the apartment was swept by an FBI special weapons and tactics team and declared safe by a bomb team, Chirigotis and Fleshman aided evidence-collection efforts and conducted neighborhood interviews.

Mititch, a former Wisconsin Army National Guard helicopter pilot, was charged in federal court later that day with attempting to blow up government property and attempting to place a destructive device close to aircraft.

Chirigotis said the FBI took the lead in the investigation because of its responsibility for investigating domestic terrorism. Bureau agents, however, immediately welcomed Chirigotis and

Fleshman as partners on the task force, asking the OSI agents to serve as the task force's liaison for all military matters.

"It's not always ideal when different agencies work a case together, but in this case, the FBI was more than gracious, and it's been great working with them," Chirigotis said. "They welcomed us openly as full team members. It's been a very rewarding experience."

Fleshman said the instant cooperation was largely attributable to a year-old OSI initiative that created a new unit specifically aimed at supporting reserve bases and colocated guard bases. Since completing the stand up in April 1999, seven full-time agents and 17 reserve agents assigned to the new unit have built relationships within the investigative organizations surrounding those bases. The relationships, Fleshman said, paid off in Milwaukee.

"Being a known player in the community helped greatly," Fleshman said. "We didn't have to introduce ourselves or start

from scratch with who we are and what we can do. The relationship was already there; the trust was there."

It was that relationship with the Milwaukee-based FBI agents that helped lead to the identification of a suspect — one who left very few clues — in just a matter of hours, Fleshman said.

"It was no accident that things went so smoothly," Fleshman said. "The new program worked exactly as it was supposed to in this case."

Following the arrest of Mititch, Chirigotis and Fleshman engaged in searches, conducted interviews and collected evidence.

"Anything we could provide to help gather evidence and develop suspects, that's what we had to offer the task force," Chirigotis said.

Other agencies on the task force included the Milwaukee Police Department, the Milwaukee Sheriffs Department, the 440th Security Forces Squadron and the 128th Security Forces Squadron.

TRICARE

Debt collection assistance officer helps customers with billing problems

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — A new debt collection assistance officer program to help service members, retirees and eligible family members with TRICARE-related debt problems was announced July 6 by the Defense Department.

An assistance officer located at each military treatment facility and TRICARE lead agent office, will be the single point of contact when a TRICARE beneficiary needs help with these kinds of problems.

“We do not want our service members to have the burden of resolving individual claims,” said Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Bernard Rostker. “They should not have to worry about negotiations with multiple agencies to settle outstanding claims, stressful notices from bill collectors and, sometimes, adverse ratings in their credit reports,”

Identification of the assistance officers, scope of their

responsibility and training will begin immediately. The new program will begin within 30 days.

Incorrect billing to service members for outstanding medical bills was a key issue during the first Military Family Forum May 31 at the Pentagon.

Once contacted by a TRICARE-eligible beneficiary, the debt collection assistance officer will intercede with all agencies involved to resolve any issues arising from a TRICARE claim. Agencies include military personnel offices, the military treatment facilities, lead agents, network and nonnetwork providers, TRICARE Management Activity, managed care contractors and debt collection agencies when appropriate.

The debt collection assistance officer will research the TRICARE claims history with the priority unit at the claims processor and notify the beneficiary of the resolution.

If appropriate, written documentation will be provided for use with national credit reporting compa-

nies in removing unwarranted adverse credit information related to TRICARE claims.

Service members in remote locations may contact any debt collection assistance officer who is convenient for them. These points of contact will be identified by the military services prior to implementation of the program.

“Our beneficiaries value their medical care benefit, and they have told us on surveys that it is a primary reason for staying in the military,” said Rostker. “Our service members deserve assistance and relief from unwarranted collection actions resulting from unpaid medical claims.”

Seeking immediate help with questions regarding their medical bills remains the TRICARE beneficiary’s best defense against credit problems, Rostker, said.

This type of assistance is available at local TRICARE service centers and military treatment facilities.

Beneficiaries also can call claims processors by calling (800) 225-4816.

Additional information about TRICARE claims processing can be found on the Military Health System TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil.



DOD announces plan to stop harassment

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The Department of Defense announced a 13-point action plan designed to eliminate all forms of harassment, including that based on sexual orientation, during a Pentagon briefing July 21.

The plan was developed by a working group comprising senior civilian and military officials from each service, established at the direction of Secretary of Defense William Cohen and chaired by Undersecretary of the Air Force Carol DiBattiste.

“Treatment of all individuals with dignity and respect is essential to good order and discipline,” DiBattiste said. “Mistreatment, harassment and inappropriate comments or gestures undermine this principle and have no place in our armed forces.”

“Commanders and leaders must develop and maintain a climate that fosters unit cohesion, esprit de corps and mutual respect for all members of the command or organization,” she said.

DiBattiste said, DOD will be issuing a single department-wide

directive making it clear that mistreatment, harassment and inappropriate comments or gestures, including those based on sexual orientation, are not acceptable. The directive also mandates that commanders and leaders will be held accountable for failure to enforce this anti-harassment policy.

The working group was originally established by Cohen to review the DOD Inspector General's "Report on the Military Environment with Respect to the Homosexual Conduct Policy," and to develop an action plan

to address the findings of the report, said Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Bernard Rostker.

“Secretary Cohen approved the working group’s action plan and has directed that it be forwarded to the services for implementation,” Rostker said.

The 13 points included in the action plan are:

- ♦ The DOD should adopt an overarching principle regarding harassment, including one that is based on sexual orientation.

- ♦ The DOD should issue a single department-wide directive on harassment.

- ♦ The services shall ensure feedback or reporting mechanisms are in place to measure homosexual conduct policy training and anti-harassment training effectiveness in the following three areas: knowledge, behavior and climate.

- ♦ The services shall review all homosexual conduct policy training and anti-harassment training programs to ensure they address the elements and intent of the DOD overarching principle and implementing directive.

- ♦ The services shall review homosexual conduct policy training and anti-harassment training programs annually to ensure they contain all information required by law and policy, including the DOD overarching principle and implementing directive, and are tailored to the grade and responsibility levels of their audiences.

- ♦ The services shall review all avenues for reporting mistreatment, harassment and inappropriate comments or gestures to ensure they facilitate effective leadership response.

- ♦ The services shall ensure homosexual conduct policy training and anti-harassment training programs address all avenues to report mistreatment, harassment and inappropriate comments or gestures and ensure persons receiving reports of mistreatment, harassment and inappropriate comments or gestures know how to handle these reports.

- ♦ The services shall ensure that directives, guidance and training clearly explain the application of the “don’t ask, don’t tell,” policy in the context of receiving and reporting complaints of mistreatment, harassment and inappropriate comments or gestures.

- ♦ The services shall ensure that commanders and leaders take appropriate action against anyone who engages in mistreatment, harassment and inappropriate comments or gestures.

- ♦ The services shall ensure that commanders and leaders take appropriate action against anyone who condones or ignores mistreatment, harassment and inappropriate comments or gestures.

♦ The services shall examine homosexual conduct policy training and anti-harassment training programs to ensure they provide tailored training on enforcement mechanisms.

- ♦ The services shall ensure inspection programs assess adherence to the DOD overarching principle and implementing directive through measurement of knowledge, behavior and climate.

♦ The services shall determine the extent to which homosexual conduct policy training and anti-harassment training programs, and the implementation of this action plan, are effective in addressing mistreatment, harassment and inappropriate comments or gestures.

The Defense Department's announcement of these anti-harassment guidelines followed the Army's release of its inspector general's report on the allegations of violations of the DOD Homosexual Conduct Policy at Fort Campbell, Ky., which resulted in the beating death of a soldier July 5, 1999.

“Treatment of all individuals with dignity and respect is essential to good order and discipline. Mistreatment, harassment, and inappropriate comments or gestures undermine this principle and have no place in our armed forces.”

Carol DiBattiste
Air Force undersecretary

AF provides web-based personnel services

By Staff Sgt. Cynthia Miller
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Last year service members worldwide asked the Air Force for more web-based personnel services. They'll get what they asked for when more than 80 percent of military personnel flight functions become available to them from their home or office computers by the end of 2001.

The availability of personnel services from home computers is just one of several initiatives in a new five-goal Air Force personnel vision implementation plan. The goals focus on improving readiness, sustaining recruiting and retention, streamlining personnel processes, implementing total force strategies and increased use of technology to enhance personnel support

"We conducted focus groups with our customers at a variety of locations," said Lt. Gen. Donald Peterson, deputy chief of staff for personnel. "Our Air Force people told us they want accurate information. They want more web-based personnel services they can

access from their desktop or from home."

In response, Air Force officials developed the five-goal plan that includes providing responsive, agile personnel support from peace through war.

Addressing the first goal, readiness in the field, personnel officials plan to provide total personnel support to field commanders by the end of fiscal year 2001.

"Field commanders said they needed more personnel capabilities in the field," said Lt. Col. Helen Cockrell, chief of strategic plans and military career field management policy.

Personnel in support of contingency operations teams are equipped only to provide accountability and manpower, not expanded service that AEFs require, Cockrell said. These services include promotion numbers or information on awards and decorations.

"Our goal is to send PERSCO teams out with a laptop and complete reach back capability to the personnel center in order to provide field commanders the personnel information they need in today's EAF environment," Cockrell said.

To achieve its second goal, recruiting and retention, the Air Force is developing a long-range plan, to be implemented by the end of fiscal year 2002, that focuses on proactive recruiting and retention efforts that include Air Force civilian employees, as well as military.

The third goal, streamlining personnel processes by the end of fiscal 2003, is a time-saving, cost-effective measure designed to make processes more efficient, reduce man hours and eliminate some levels of review "to make them happen faster," she said.

The fourth goal, the biggest according to Cockrell, is implementing a total force management strategy by the end of fiscal 2003.

"We're developing plans that support the role of each component and help us determine how we maximize the synergy of our talented Air Force members," she said. "Outputs from several ongoing efforts such as the Developing Aerospace Leaders initiative, career field management reviews, quadrennial defense reviews and total force assessments will be a part of the input under this goal

that help us manage accession, development, utilization, sustainment and separation of our personnel."

Implementing a virtual MPF where members can update information from home computers is part of the Air Force's fifth goal of developing field technology enhancements by the end of FY 2002.

One of the personnel community's goals is to "use technology in such a way as to free up our (personnel specialists) time to provide more personalized service to our customers where it is really needed," Peterson said.

Air Force members will soon have access to the personnel databases via the Internet where they can perform address changes, download information and update other personal data at their convenience from their workstations or from home computers, Cockrell said.

"Our goal is to provide more one-on-one interaction with the customer," she said. "By giving the customer access to the virtual MPF, they can update their records when it's most convenient for them and avoid having to make a special trip to the MPF or CPF."

Information,
Tickets and
Tours

Information, Tickets and Tours is in the community center. Dillards Box Office and Ticketmaster are open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and closed Sunday. Tickets for a variety of community events are available. For locations, times and events, call 856-6000.

Tours

Nogales, Mexico

A trip to Nogales, Mexico, departs Aug. 19 from Bldg. 700 at 6 a.m. and returns at about 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person.

Algodones, Mexico

A trip to Algodones, Mexico, departs Aug. 5 from Bldg. 700 at 6 a.m. and returns at about 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person.

Laughlin, Nev.

A trip to the Riverside Casino in Laughlin, Nev., departs Aug. 6 at 6 a.m. and returns at about 10 p.m.

The \$5 per person cost includes transportation, champagne brunch or dinner buffet, coupons for casino action and gift shops. Participants must be at least 21 years old.

Luke Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Cost for children 11 and under is \$1; adults pay \$2.



Today

Saturday, 6 p.m.

Titan A.E. (PG)

Stars Matt Damon, Bill Pullman, Hank Azaria and Drew Barrymore. The journey begins with the Earth's destruction by the Drej aliens, leaving the human race without a permanent home and scavengers in space.

Years after Earth is destroyed, Cale, a rebellious teenager, embarks on an adventure to find Titan, the legendary spacecraft which is rumored to hold the secret to salvation for the human race.

With the deadly Drej aliens close behind and betrayal from his new-found friends, Cale becomes a renegade warrior to find a whole new world.

Saturday, 9 p.m.

Sunday

Big Momma's House (PG-13)

Stars Martin Lawrence, Nia Long and Paul Giamatti. FBI agent Malcolm Turner is tough, smart and a master of disguise.



There's nothing he can't handle. Stop a brutal crime ring? No problem.

To solve the case, Malcolm transforms himself into an aged Asian man to crack the case.

Malcolm's latest assignment brings him to a small southern town, where he's determined to trap a brutal bank robber and a recent prison escapee.

Malcolm sets up a stakeout across from the home of a southern matriarch known as Big Momma, who's about to be visited by the con's former flame, Sherry, and her son. It's a simple plan, but there's one problem, Big Momma has unexpectedly left town.

Malcolm then takes on his most challenging "role" ever; he impersonates the cantankerous Southern granny.

Using a few tricks of disguise, he completely transforms himself into Big Momma, even taking on the granny's everyday routine — cooking soul food, delivering babies and "testifying" at the local church.

As if things weren't complicated enough, Malcolm finds himself falling for Sherry, who might be hiding some stolen cash.

Malcolm must somehow find a way to get his man — and the woman he has fallen in love with.



Aug. 4, 5 and 6

Rocky & Bullwinkle (PG)

Stars Jason Alexander, Monica Potter, Rene Russo, Randy Quaid and Robert DeNiro.

The notorious No-Goodniks from Pottsylvania — Boris Badenov and Natasha Fatale — are back and up to no good. This time they have managed to break the secret code and make the leap from their cartoon existence into the real world.

Led by the criminal mastermind Fearless Leader, Boris and Natasha devise a plot to take over the world and, while they are at it, get rid of their longtime foes from Frostbite Falls, Rocky and Bullwinkle.

Teaming up with rookie FBI agent Karen Sympathy, moose and squirrel come face to snout with their dreaded nemeses. But first, Rocky and Bullwinkle must blend into the real world, hardly an easy task for a 400-pound moose and a squirrel who thinks he can fly.

It is up to them to foil Fearless Leader's evil plot to unseat U.S. President Signoff through the creation of a new, omniscient, mindless television network, RBTV. The network is set to hypnotize the entire population by election day.

Chapel News

Worship schedule

The following is Luke’s Protestant and Catholic worship schedule:

Protestant worship

- ♦ Holy Communion is Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Gospel service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at the Chapel on the Mall.
- ♦ Morning worship service is Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Evening praise service is Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.



Catholic worship

- ♦ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Sunday Mass is at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at the Luke Community Chapel.
- ♦ Weekday Mass is at noon at the Luke Community Chapel.

For more information, call 856-6211.

High ozone day reminders

- Don’t forget, on high ozone days:
- ♦ Reduce driving by car or van pooling.
 - ♦ Refuel vehicles after 4 p.m. and never top off.
 - ♦ Keep vehicles tuned.
 - ♦ Avoid gas-powered garden equipment.
 - ♦ Close lids tightly on household cleaners, paints and chemicals.

Around Base

American Red Cross classes

The American Red Cross offers the following classes:

- ♦ An adult, child and infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid class is Aug. 5 at 8:30 a.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. Enrollment is open to military identification card holders, their family members and Luke civilian employees. The cost is \$22 with registration and prepayment required.
 - ♦ A CPR instructor training class begins Aug. 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. in Bldg. 1150. Cost is \$225 per person; however, the Amerian Red Cross will cover this cost if a student volunteers to teach three classes during the next year. Instructors are required to teach a class once every two years to renew their certification.
 - ♦ An American Red Cross new volunteer orientation is Aug. 10 and 24 at 10 a.m. in Bldg. 1150, Room 1064. There are many volunteer positions open with days and hours to fit everyone’s schedule.
- To register for classes or for more information, call 856-7823.

Webster University opens campus

Webster University opened a new campus at Luke. Graduate-level classes start Aug. 14.

The university offers three graduate degree programs: business administration, computer resources and management information, and human resources management.

Academic advisement and information on Webster’s graduate degrees is available by calling the director, Dr. Lynette Knight, at 536-6880.

San Diego weekend golfing trip

Outdoor recreation sponsors a weekend golfing trip to San Diego Sept. 1 to 4. Golfers can play at the Torrey Pines in La Jolla, the Naval Air Station Coronado course and the Coronado Country Club.

Cost is \$300 per person. It includes round trip

transportation, greens fees, three nights lodging and a sightseeing trolly tour of San Diego. Meals are not included.

Register by Aug. 4. A 50-percent deposit is required. For more information, call 856-9334.

Luke Elementary School news

Luke Elementary School is accepting registration for all kindergarten through 8th grade students currently in the district. Shot records, birth certificates and proof-of-residence is required.

School hours for 1st through 8th grade students on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. On Wednesdays the hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Morning kindergarten hours are 8:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Afternoon kindergarten hours on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are 12:15 to 3:15 p.m. On Wednesdays the hours are 12:15 to 2 p.m.

Students are required to wear uniforms, consisting of Navy blue slacks and skirts, and heather gray polo shirts without a logo.

For more information, call 876-7300.

Embry-Riddle begins summer term

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University begins its summer term Aug. 7. Registration ends Aug. 11. All classes start at 5 p.m. The term ends Oct. 5. For registration information, call 935-4000 or e-mail luke_center@cts.db.erau.edu.

Swimming pool hours, passes

The Silver Wings Swimming Pool open swim hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Oasis Pool lap swimming hours are Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Pool passes may be purchased at outdoor recreation. A family season pass is \$35 for up to four family members and \$45 for five or more family members. A single-season pass is \$20. A one-day pass costs \$1.

For more information, call 856-6368 or 856-7120.

AAFES, 56th SVS Partnership

The second annual Army and Air Force Exchange Service and 56th Services Squadron Partnership promotion is underway until Aug. 6.

AAFES customers with purchases of \$75 or more receive a buy-one, get-one free coupon for greens fees at the Falcon Dunes Golf Course or Xtreme bowling Friday or Saturday nights at the Luke Lanes Bowling Center.

For more information, call 856-7469.

Airframe, powerplant courses

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University offers an airframe and powerplant preparation class beginning Aug. 7. Those interested in attending should call 935-4000 or e-mail luke_center@cts.db.erau.edu.

Commissary shopping tour

Learn how to interpret food labels and make healthier food selections at a commissary shopping tour Tuesday, Aug. 28 and Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. To register, call the health and wellness at 856-3778.

Weight management class

Learn how to get off the “diet roller coaster” through the Weight Management Program. Sponsored by the health and wellness center, meetings are 9 to 11 a.m. each Friday for eight weeks beginning today. To register, call 856-3778.

Red Cross seeks instructors

The American Red Cross seeks volunteers interested in becoming instructors. Instructors are needed to teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid, babysitting, child care and CPR for the professional rescuer.

Classes are once a month and, as an instructor, volunteers are required to teach a class once every two years to renew their certification.

For more information, call the American Red Cross at 856-7823.

Free child care

Active-duty military members, staff sergeants and below, with permanent-change-of-station orders into or out of Luke, can receive up to 20 hours of free child care from family child care providers.

Stop by the family support center, Bldg. 1113, to register. Members must bring a copy of their orders. For more information, call 856-6841.

Wood shop safety briefing

A safety briefing is required before using any of the power equipment in the wood hobby shop. Call the shop manager at 856-6566 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Auto services available

The auto hobby shop offers flat tire repair, tire rotation, wheel balancing, drum and rotor turning, oil changes, wheel alignments, air conditioning checks and window tinting to Defense Department employees. For an appointment, call 856-5107.

Peoria Toastmasters meet

The Peoria Chamber of Commerce Toastmasters meet every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the chamber office, 8335 W. Peoria Ave. For more information, call Jill Grob at (623) 875-3822.

Slide Rock trip

Outdoor recreation offers a day trip Aug. 12 from 7 a.m. to about 6 p.m. to the Slide Rock Recreation Area in Sedona, Ariz. Van departs from Bldg. 247.

Spend the day playing in the waters of Oak Creek, plunge down the Slide Rock — a natural waterslide — and go exploring on short hikes into the canyon.

Cost is \$25 per person and includes round trip transportation, lunch, soft drinks and snacks. Register by Aug. 7.

For more information, call 867-9334 or 856-6267.

Salutes

Quarterly award winners

The following people are the groups’ quarterly award winners:

56th Logistics Group
Company grade officer: Capt. James Dobbs, 56th Equipment Maintenance Squadron
Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Robert Coit, 56th Component Repair Squadron
NCO: Tech. Sgt. Billy Rountree, Det. 1, 372nd Training Squadron
Airman: Airman 1st Class Keri Huffman, 56th CRS
Civilian, GS-7 and above: Stanley Janders, 56th Contracting Squadron
Civilian, GS-6 and below: Eula Goodloe, 56th Supply Squadron
Civilian, federal wage scale: Thomas Smith, 56th SUPS

56th Support Group
CGO: Capt. Timothy Imdieke, 56th Civil Engineer Squadron
Senior NCO: Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Evans, 56th Mission Support Squadron
NCO: Staff Sgt. Anna Johnson, 56th Communications Squadron
Airman: Senior Airman Ricarda Maltby, 56th CES
Civilian, GS-7 and above: Damita Klaiber, 56th MSS
Civilian, GS-6 and below: Ruth Taylor, 56th CPTS
Civilian, FWS: James Snyder, 56th CES

56th Medical Group
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Indoor soccer team suffers hard loss

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Luke's indoor soccer team took a hard 6-3 loss to Deportes America Friday at the Peoria Sports Center.

Luke came out hard giving 100 percent and controlling the ball. Their controlled passing allowed them to penetrate Deportes defense, with Drew Hall immediately putting several strong shots on goal.

Deportes took advantage of any small success by putting shots on goal as well. Deportes, with solid passing in front of the goal, struck in one off the high bar.

Luke continued to press hard, but the Deportes fielders took control of the ball. That didn't stop Luke from putting a barrage of shots on goal, including several by MacKenzie Drake and Gene Korleski. Deportes answered the call by slamming another ball in off the cross bar.

Luke continued winning 50/50 balls, pushing hard for a win with 19 solid shots on goal. The half ended, however, with Luke behind 2-0.

Deportes continued their assault, putting another impossible goal in off the sidebar. Luke regrouped and came out scoring when a solid pass to Korleski gave them their first goal of the game. They immediately began looking for a second shot. Improved passing in front of the goal put more pressure on Deportes, who pushed back, but Luke's goalie met the challenge.

Luke closed the deficit to one point when Hall went one-on-one with the Deportes goalie and sent



Senior Airman Elizabeth Krichbaum
Jimmy Kinsey dives for the ball during soccer practice Tuesday at the Luke soccer field.

the ball to the back of the net. Deportes then picked up their offense, putting two goals on the board one after another.

Aiming for a comeback, the fatigued Luke team had trouble matching Deportes ball for ball. Deportes put one more in off the cross bar. Luke, giving it

everything they had, put a couple of solid passes in front of the goal. Korleski took advantage, scoring the final goal of the game.

Luke's next game is today at 11 p.m. at the Phoenix Soccer Center at 35th Avenue and Indian School Road.

Olympians

Luke youths compete for track, field gold

By Senior Airman Heather Johnson
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A Luke brother and sister compete until Sunday at the U.S. Junior Olympics in Buffalo, N. Y., to fulfill a short-term goal.

Between the two of them, Jeanine and Brian Dancy are competing in the triple jump, high jump, 100-yard dash and 400-yard relay.

Jeanine, 14, and Brian, 15, were raised in North Carolina, Florida and New York. Their father is Tech Sgt. Edward Dancy, 607th Air Control Squadron surveillance NCO in charge. Because they are part of the Air Force family, they have played and competed in many base sports. Jeanine and Brian said if it were not for the moves, they would not have met and learned from their competitors.

"It has developed me to be a better athlete," Brian said about playing on

the different sports teams.

The people they met in their travels also got them into the Junior Olympics.

"At Jeanine's seventh-grade district meet," Brian said, "she actually got four (gold) medals and somebody noticed. The Arizona Rising Sun gave her a business card and told her to come on out."

Brian was also able to join thanks to his sister.

"She looked out for her older brother," Brian said. "She said, 'I can't come out unless my brother comes out.'"

That business card led them to the Arizona Rising Sun, the name for the Arizona Track and Field Association, their father said.

"This is their first year as a part of the association," Dancy said. "It is a traveling team and it takes a lot out of the parents' pockets. That is why the Arizona Rising Sun is



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Brian and Jeanine get ready to race at Luke's track.

AF Marathon: Runners can register on-line

By Brett Turner
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — Air Force Marathon organizers have taken yet another stride toward accommodating runners for the Sept. 16 marathon by bringing registration on-line.

On-line registration reduces signing up to a few strokes on the keyboard. Marathon Director Tom Fisher said the move was easy considering the times we live in.

"It's the wave of the future, so we went with it," he said. "As with most things in this world, everything is being done by computers and so many customers in the racing world are using computers to gain access to general information and the convenience of on-line registration."

The marathon office went to an on-line contractor, which is handling the registration. Interested people should visit the official Air Force Marathon Web page at afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil. They can gain access to the online registration from there.

Registrants must first read and accept a waiver and

disclaimer statement, then have the option of registering. People supply the basic information and finish the process by paying with a credit card.

One advantage is, after submitting the application, an instantaneous response comes back if the credit card is accepted, Fisher said. This cuts out having to go to a mailbox to send it and wait for confirmation.

On-line registration does require a 5-percent additional fee, payable to the provider. With more than 100 responses in the first month, which is close to 10 percent of the total runners registered for the marathon, Fisher said the decision was a wise one and should only grow in the future.

"At other races we've gone to, the majority of runners have been happy with on-line registration," he said. "The one thing they don't like is if the system requires a multitude of steps to get the process done. This lay-out does not."

Some people hesitate to use on-line registration due to a perceived uncertainty of sending their credit card numbers through the Internet. Fisher stressed that the line used for registration is secure.

Unfortunately, while individual marathon and wheelchair participants can use electronic registration,

relay and marathon team runners must still register in person or through the mail.

"We do hope to expand because now only individuals can register," said Fisher. "We haven't been able to work out those details with the company yet but our plans will be to have teams be able to next year."

Another future advantage would be being able to sell merchandise like shirts, hats and pins online.

The marathon Web site has been running for two years and three races. It continues to grow and improve as well.

Fisher said the marathon staff is considering going to a commercial Web site as opposed to the military one it is currently on. It would allow corporate sponsor logos to adorn the site.

"We've tried to make some steps forward, like the timing chip and now the online registration system," Fisher said. "The main focus is to continue to tweak our customer service so we have a race that all our runners want to come back to and continue to build on that runner base."

The entry deadline is Aug. 31. For more information, visit the website at afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil or call (800) 467-1823.

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always looking for sponsors or donations.”
Their Olympic journey has been lengthy. They have competed in various events such as the Grand Canyon State Games, the Arizona State Championships and Junior Olympics Championships in Denver.
To compete at this level takes hard work and lots of practice, Jeanine said. The pair practice Monday through Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and meets some-times last until 11:30 p.m.
“It is a long night,” their father said, “but it keeps my kids off the streets and keeps them focused.”
At first, competing at the Junior Olympics was not their dream. They could not believe it could happen to them. They are, however, happy with their success. In fact, their team broke a record at the national meet.

Jeanine’s team broke the record time of 49.66 in the 400-yard relay. Brian is No. 2 in the region for triple jump and No. 5 in the region for the long jump.
“My mom and all our family from Philadelphia will be taking the trip to see us compete in Buffalo; they want to be there to support us,” Brian said.
If the Dancy’s win at the U.S. Junior Olympics, they will compete in the world Junior Olympics.
But life is more than track and field. Jeanine was enrolled in Sun Valley Middle School when this all took place. She is a straight-A student, and president of the National Junior Honor Society. She will join Brian this year at Peoria High School as a freshman.
Brian is involved in the Math Engineer Science Association and played varsity football during his freshman year. He also plays freshman baseball and basketball in addition to track and field.
In addition, two other Luke teens compete at the U.S. Junior Olympics. Britany and Courtney Wash- ington are also compete in track and field events.

Sports Shorts

Golf tournament

The Hansen Brother’s Golf Classic to benefit the Luke varsity hockey team is Sept. 15 at 7:30 a.m. at the Falcon Dunes golf course. The four man scramble tournament costs \$40 per person. Call Mike McGuire at 856-6332 or Mike Saracino at 856-3732 to register.

Softball tourney change

The 12th annual “Weekend Bash” military regional softball tournament in Tucson has been changed to Aug. 5 and 6. The top-four teams receive prizes. For more information, call Greg Manning at (520) 228-4190.

